GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Setting up of Krishi Vigyan Kendras
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms fixed by the Government for setting up of Krishi Vigyan Kendras;

(b) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendra set up in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the names of the crops for which new varieties have been developed in Indira Gandhi Agricultural University of Chhattisgarh, along with the action being taken by the Government towards the protection and promotion of these crop varieties;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Chhattisgarh to set up new Krishi Vigyan Kendra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) The norms fixed by the Government for setting up of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) are as follows:
â€¢ One KVK is to be sanctioned in each of the rural districts, however, Government has also approved for establishment of one additional KVK in the 105 larger rural Districts and 5 border and mountain districts of the country.
â€¢ Suitability of the proposed site in terms of accessibility and availability of 20 ha cultivable land in one plot area. The land should be moderately fertile, well drained and developed with availability of permanent water supply facilities.
â€¢ Viability and commitment of the organization to run the KVK according to the principles and guidelines of the KVK Scheme.
â€¢ In case of NGO, the Land of the selected site has to be mortgaged in favour of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
â€¢ The applicant organization should have five years of experience in the field of agriculture in the district.

(b) The State/UT-wise number of KVKs are given in Annexure-I.

(c) During 2015-16, a number of new varieties have been developed for different crops like Rice, Wheat, Oilseeds, Soybean, Horsegram, Millets, Spices, Vegetables, Tubers and Rajgira in Indira Gandhi Agricultural University of Chhattisgarh. The Crop-wise details of new varieties developed in Indira Gandhi Agricultural University of Chhattisgarh and released by the Chhattisgarh State Variety Release Committee are given in Annexure-II. These varieties are being promoted by 21 KVKs by way of conducting on-farm-trials, frontline demonstrations and a number of other extension activities. The work related to protection of plant varieties is carried out by the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority(PPVFRA) in different part of the country including Chhattisgarh.

(d) & (e): The Government has approved for establishment of 8 new KVKs in Balod, Sukma, Kondagaon, Raipur, Mungeli, Surguja, Bemetara and Durg (additional KVK) districts of Chhattisgarh during 12th Plan. For this purpose, proposals have been received in Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The ICAR has constituted a Site Selection Committee (SSC) for identifying the sites and logistics for setting up of new KVKs in these districts. The SSC has visited sites proposed for six KVKs namely Mungeli, Balod, Kondagaon, Bemetara, Raipur and Durg (additional KVK). Out of these the Raipur KVK has been established and KVK Durg has been approved in principle for establishment. Visit of Site Selection Committee for Surguja and Sukma districts has been proposed in the month of December,2016.

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